

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Larry Bowen et al.

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Serial No.: To Be Assigned

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Divisional of

Serial No.: 09/292,751 Filed: April 16, 1999

For: Cigarette Sidestream Smoke Treatment Material

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of fees, please amend the attached divisional application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at the beginning of the specification

--This application is a divisional of Serial No. 09/292,751, filed April 16, 1999, which is a Continuation-In-Part of Serial No. 09/061,222, filed April 16, 1998, now abandoned.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-62.

Amend Claims 96 and 102 as follows:

96. (Amended) Sheet material of claim 63 wherein said sorbent is selected from the group consisting of activated carbon, molecular sieves and porous metal oxides.

102. (Amended) Sheet material of claim 63 wherein said material has a heat capacity which conducts heat away from a burning coal to provide a temperature at inside surface of said material adjacent a burning coal of said cigarette of about 400 to 550 degrees centigrade and a centerline temperature adjacent a burning coal in said cigarette of about 700 to 950°C.

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested before the application is examined on its merits. Allowance of claims 63-109 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked Up Version of Amended Claims

96. (Amended) Sheet material of [anyone of the preceding claims] claim 63 wherein said sorbent [material] is selected from the group consisting of activated carbon, molecular sieves and porous metal oxides.

102. (Amended) Sheet material of [any one] claim 63 wherein said material has a heat capacity which conducts heat away from a burning coal to provide a temperature at inside surface of said material adjacent a burning coal of said cigarette of about 400 to 550 degrees centigrade and a centerline temperature adjacent a burning coal in said cigarette of about 700 to 950°C.